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In response to the Final Office Action dated August 27, 2001, having a shortened statutory period for response set to expire on November 27, 2001, please enter the following amendments and reconsider the claims pending in the application for reasons discussed below.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel claims 4, 5, 9, 10, 17, and 23-27.

Please replace claim 1 and 11 as follows:

1. (Amended) An apparatus for processing substrates, comprising:
- a) a transfer chamber;
 - b) one or more load lock chambers disposable about the transfer chamber;

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